

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In light of the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 5-7 are in this application. Claims 13-16 are canceled.

Claims 1 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wehmeyer (U.S. Patent No. 6,169,543) in view of Minoura (U.S. Patent No. 6,323,883), Proehl (U.S. Patent No. 6,532,589), Rasansky et al. (U.S. Patent 5,960,406) and Etheredge (U.S. Patent 6,018,372). Claims 13-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wehmeyer, Minoura, Proehl, Rasansky and Etheredge in view of Kahl (U.S. Patent No. 5,936,625). Independent claims 1 and 5-7 have been amended to include the limitations of canceled dependent claims 13-16.

As shown in Figure 5, the present invention includes a monthly calendar showing both a user's schedule of events such as dinners and concerts with broadcast programs scheduled for viewing and/or recording. Specifically, the present invention displays a calendar which combines "user information" and "reservation information for a broadcast program." (Claim 1 and 5-7)

However, Applicants respectfully assert that Kahl, Minoura and Rasansky are non-analogous art to the electronic program guide and broadcast program scheduling aspects of the present invention and therefore cannot be combined with Wehmeyer Proehl and Etheredge to meet the calendaring limitations recited in the present claims. Kahl discloses a monthly calendar display for scheduling user information in Figure 2, Minoura discloses a monthly calendar display for scheduling user

information in Figure 6, and Rasansky discloses a monthly calendar display for scheduling user information in Figure 16A. Neither Kahl, Minoura or Rasansky have any relationship to television displays, recording broadcast programs, or providing reminders to watch broadcast programs. Accordingly, it would not have been obvious to combine the teachings of Kahl, Minoura and Rasansky with the teachings of Wehmeyer, Proehl and Etheredge to meet the limitations recited in the present claims. Therefore, for at least this reason, the combination of Wehmeyer, Minoura, Proehl, Rasansky, Etheredge and Kahl fails to obviate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

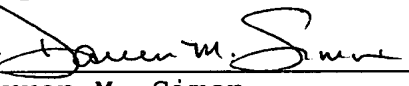
If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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